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1. GOP NATIONALIZATION ACTIONS TO DATE WOULD APPARENTLY NOT EXCLUDE PORTUGAL FROM GSP UNDER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 502(B)(4). DURING RECENT MONTHS, HOWEVER, WORKERS HAVE SEIZED CONTROL OF, AND ESTABLISHED WORKER COMMISSIONS TO MANAGE, SEVERAL AMERICAN FIRMS. GOP HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH COMPANY REQUESTS TO RESTORE CONTROL OF THESE FACTORIES TO THEIR OWNERS. INDEED, GOP HAS TAKEN SEVERAL ACTIONS WHICH IMPLICITLY GRANT DE FACTO RECOGNITION TO WORKER COMMISSIONS. IF THESE CASES ARE NOT RESOLVED IN NEXT FEW MONTHS, U.S. PARENT COMPANIES MAY CLAIM FORMALLY THAT THEIR PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN NATIONALIZED WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

2. MAJOR OUTSTANDING INSTANCES OF U.S. PLANT SEIZURES BY WORKERS (AND LATEST EMBASSY REPORT ON EACH CASE) ARE: TORRINGTON PORTUGUESA (LISBON 3954), MUELLER MONTAGEM (LISBON 1925; A-13 OF APRIL 17, 1975), AND OTIS ELEVATOR

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